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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: ERIC TOLL, Planning Director; and
JIM PETROPULOS, Public Works Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *fmw*

SUBJECT: JESSIE STREET TRAFFIC DESIGNATION
Res. No. 03-60

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 25, 2003

ACTION AND VOTE:

9:50 a.m. Supervisor Parker;

Discussion and Consideration of Reversing the Board's Previous Action to Designate Jessie Street as One-way Between Ninth and Tenth Streets (Continued from Forthcoming Policy of February 18, 2003)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Parker initiated discussion relative to the Board's previous action and subsequent input he has received from the public, and he requested that the Board reverse its previous action.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

- Jim Dulcich referred to the traffic study and statistics. He suggested that Ninth Street be one-way with diagonal parking and that Jessie Street be two-way with parallel parking with the same setbacks.
- Paul Simmons advised that the change to one-way traffic will require his business staff and clientele to exit on Highway 140 and the site distance is obstructed with parked vehicles on the Highway. He stated he feels the other businesses in the area will have the same impacts, and that he supports keeping Jessie Street open to two-way traffic. He stated he does not feel that it is in the public interest to make the portion of Jessie Street one-way; however, he is okay with the decision for the portion of Ninth Street to be one-way.
- Frank Long referred to the recent appointment of members to the Mariposa Advisory Task Force and advised that the Board took action about the same time, and the Task Force was not aware of the requests. He stated he is a member of the Task Force; however, he is speaking as an individual citizen today. He stated he feels the two worst intersections in town are Sixth and Eighth Streets and the Highway. He feels that the action to make streets one-way basically closes the streets, and the recent action will place more pressure on the Sixth and Eighth Streets intersections. He noted that town will grow in this area and he does not feel that streets should be made one-way or closed. He stated he is also opposed to the one-way

designation on the portion of Ninth Street, and stated he uses that Street because it is the easiest access to the route to the Post Office. He further stated that he could not find any reference in the Town Plan for making Jessie Street one-way. He stated he agrees with connecting the Creek Parkway to the History Center and asked if the location of the trail is being coordinated with these projects.

- Eleanor Keuning asked about the status of an expanded evaluation of the whole area that was discussed at the previous meeting. She noted that the amphitheater project will increase traffic in the area, and she stated she still feels an expanded traffic study of the area should be conducted.

Discussion was held by the Board. Motion by Parker to reverse the Board's previous action and direct that Jessie Street remain open to two-way traffic, was held in abeyance for further discussion. Supervisor Parker noted that the applicants for the projects did not request the change in the traffic pattern.

Eric Toll, Planning Director, responded to questions from the Board, and he stated he has not seen the revised plans for the proposed projects and he does not know the final details as to whether a sidewalk is planned for the Radanovich's project on Jessie Street. Supervisor Pickard clarified that no plans have been submitted.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Balmain. Further discussion was held. Supervisor Bibby requested that the County review improvements to Jessie Street independent of these projects, suggesting that sidewalks, possible widening of the street, and parallel parking issues be reviewed. She noted that additional information has been presented since the Board first considered this matter, including impacts on the four-way stop at the Highway 49/140 intersection, use of Jessie Street to access Highway 49 North, traffic impacts on Stroming Road, the addition of the amphitheater and development of commercial uses in the area, and impacts on the other intersections in the area. She requested that the Board reverse its decision and refer the matter to the Task Force. She also requested that consideration be given to placing the buildings so that traffic visibility is not impacted. Supervisor Stetson stated he feels the applicants should be supported in this matter as the Board has made its decision. Supervisor Parker expressed concern with referring the matter to the Task Force and delaying the projects to wait for a report from the Task Force. He noted that the Task Force was just being formed at the time this matter was being considered, and he does not feel that the Board should make a project wait that is already being processed.

- Gene Mickel advised that even though they have not submitted their plans, they have been working on this project, and it is disappointing to him that the Board is reconsidering this issue. He advised that the County is using about four-feet of his property now on Ninth Street. He also noted that he has not been noticed about meetings on this issue. He stated Planning contacted Mr. Radanovich and he spoke with him when this issue was first raised. He provided further information relative to the easement for Ninth Street. He responded to a question from the Board relative to the affect of the one-way designation on Ninth Street, and he stated it does not make any difference to him at this point.

Eric Toll responded to additional questions from the Board relative to staff's recommendations on this matter. He advised that the recommendation is for Ninth Street to be one-way, and he noted that on the original site plan for the Frost Shop project, the parking spaces were too small to meet County standards. The one-way designation allows for the number of on-site parking spaces to be reduced given the extra street parking.

Supervisor Bibby stated she would prefer that Planning provide Board members with an informational memorandum on suggested proposals, such as these one-way traffic designations, prior to contacting property owners in the future. Supervisor Pickard stated he will not support reversing the Board's decision, even though he did not support the one-way designations in the beginning. He stated he feels there are consequences for the Board to be changing its decision. Supervisor Parker stated he feels the Board made a mistake and this is an effort to correct it. Supervisor Parker clarified his motion and advised that he is only asking that the one-way designation on the portion of Jessie Street be reversed. Ayes: Parker; Noes: Balmain, Bibby, Pickard; Abstained: Stetson. The motion failed.

Motion by Bibby to rescind the Board's previous action of February 18, 2003, which designated a portion of Ninth and Jessie Streets as one-way; to direct that the matter be referred to the Mariposa Advisory Task Force; with direction that this action is not to interfere with the progress of the proposed projects; and with further direction for staff to review improvements to Jessie Street, was withdrawn following discussion.

(M)Parker, (S)Bibby, Res. 03-60 was adopted removing the designation of Jessie Street as one-way between Ninth and Tenth Streets. Supervisor Parker strongly suggested that staff review the Ninth Street

one-way designation with the applicants as to whether that designation needs to continue; and if not, to come back with a recommendation for the Board to reverse its decision. Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Parker; Noes: Balmain, Pickard. The motion passed.

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